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FEDERAL EMPLOYE THREATENS HAWAIIAN WITH DISCHARGE

The Republicans, in their desperate efforts to win at any cost and by any means, are violating not only the Federal, but also the Territorial laws by their efforts at intimidation and coercion.

These charges are not general; they are specific. For instance:

Antone Manuel, messenger in the office of United States District Attorney Robert W. Breckons, a night or two ago went to K. Kekipi, a member of the Democratic County Central Committee and an employe of the von Hamm-Young Company, and according to Kekipi's statement, vouched for by three witnesses, threatened him:

"If you do not stop working for the Democrats and work for the Republican ticket, I will fix you and see that you lose your job in two days."

And Antone Manuel is an employe of Robert W. Breckons, United States District Attorney, the man in this Territory to whom is chiefly delegated the enforcement of the federal laws.

And the federal law makes it a serious offense for coercion or intimidation to be used in any election which in any direct way concerns the election of a representative to Congress.

And not only the Federal law, but also the Territorial statute makes it a serious offense for any man to interfere with the right of a citizen to vote as he pleases. The Territorial law on the matter is as follows:

"Section 108, Revised Laws. Election Frauds. The following persons shall be deemed guilty of an election fraud:

"Subsection 6 of Section 108. Every person who shall directly or indirectly, personally or through another, make use of, or threaten to make use of, any force, violence or restraint; or inflict or threaten to inflict any injury, damage or loss in any manner, or in any way practice intimidation upon or against any person in order to induce or compel such person to vote or refrain from voting for any particular person voting for any particular person or party, at any election, or on account of such person having voted or refrained from voting for any particular person or party; or who shall by abduction,

distress or any device or contrivance impede, prevent or otherwise interfere with the free exercise of the elective franchise.

"Section 109. Penalties—Every person found guilty of an election fraud shall be punished by a fine of not less than one hundred dollars or exceeding one thousand dollars, or by imprisonment at hard labor for any term not less than ten days or exceeding two years, or by both such fine and imprisonment at the discretion of the court. Besides such punishment, such person shall be disqualified from voting and from holding any office under the government, and from being elected to or occupying a seat in the legislature. If the person so convicted shall hold any office, either elective or appointive, at the time of such conviction, such office shall at once and without mention in such sentence or other proceeding be vacated by such conviction. The judge or magistrate before whom such conviction is had shall immediately transmit to the Secretary of the Territory the name of such person, the offense of which he has been convicted and the sentence of the court."

The offense of Antone Manuel is not the only one of the kind that has come to the attention of the Democrats, but, in view of the fact that Manuel is an employe of the United States government and is in the office of no less a personage than Robert W. Breckons, who, by the way, is the man who should first take cognizance of such offense, it appears particularly heinous.

It is up to Mr. Breckons. Mr. Breckons is one of the leading Republicans in Hawaii. His voice is raised high in support of Republican politics. Will he regard as more important his political proclivities or his oath of office? One of his own subordinates has offended deeply. Will Mr. Breckons see that that employe is punished as he deserves, or will he condone the offense on the ground that it was committed in the cause of Republicanism. It is up to Mr. Breckons. Let him answer and act if he is honest in his oath to carry out the duties of his office.

REPUBLICANS AFRAID BECAUSE VOTERS USE OWN JUDGMENT

There is nothing more refreshing than a confession from the opponent and perhaps more refreshing than most things that have happened during this very interesting campaign is the open confession (supposed to be good for the soul, providing the Republican party has any soul to speak of, it being practically a close corporation) contained in a circular letter issued by John T. Moir, chairman of the Republican county committee of the county of Hawaii in which appears the following astounding statement, a statement which, coming at this time, is nothing more nor less than an admission of the methods adopted by the Republican party in these Islands, and which is also a confession of the desperation of the Republican cause in this time of Democratic enthusiasm when there is a wave of reactionary sentiment sweeping the Islands in favor of the freedom, honesty and straightforward methods so long championed by the Democrats of this Island community.

The circular above referred to has the following to say:

"The tendency of men in the Republican party to use their own judgment as to the selection of local candidates to be voted for November 8 is assuming serious importance, and I shall ask you to give careful consideration to the matter as it now stands."

Please note that "the tendency of Republicans to use their own judgment" is what is proclaimed as a menace, as a danger, as something to be afraid of, and as something to be corrected!

What does this mean?

It means nothing more nor less than that the welfare of the Territory of Hawaii is attempted to be commanded by a few, by the moneyed few who control the Republican party and whose business it is to tap a sugar-barrel occasionally for the advancement of the cause of the sugar barons. There can be nothing more plain to the unprejudiced and sensible observer, for when it is officially proclaimed that a member of the Republican party may not think for himself, that he may not select from the various candidates for office his own choice for election, it is indeed a situation smacking of tyranny and undue influence.

The circular referred to practically means that a Republican may not use his own judgment. In other words, he must not cast a vote for some Democrat whom he prefers to some man on the Republican ticket. He must be entirely guided by the arbitrary orders of the leaders of the Republican party.

What kind of an appeal is this to the reason of the people?

It is not an appeal; it is the wielding of a club, an attempt to swing the big stick and to make Republicans vote the straight Republican ticket, whether or not the men on that ticket are fit for office and whether or not the welfare of the Territory is to be affected.

When a Republican leader on the biggest Island of the group stoops publicly to announce that Republicans must not use their own judgment, that there is a

danger of their using their own judgment, it becomes the squarest confession of weakness and fear for results that could be desired.

The Republicans are anxious. They are afraid that the Democrats are going to record the most comprehensive victory in the history of elections in these Islands. And they have good cause for such fear. But why do they confess it? Why do they not use what little tact they are supposed to have to hide their fears?

Because they so completely realize that they are up against it in this campaign that they are becoming reckless in their statements and almost babyish in their appeals.

Can there be any more reckless statement made than that men should be prevented from "using their own judgment"?

Why, of course they are using their own judgment, and they are going to use their own judgment at the polls; and hundreds upon hundreds of Republicans are going to vote the Democratic ticket. Those of the hundreds who have a Democratic choice may not all vote the straight Democratic ticket, but they will at least vote for many of the Democratic candidates, and for the reason that they have come to realize that there is too much sugar and buncombe in the administration of Republican affairs. They are patriots, many of them, and have the welfare of the community at heart, and they appreciate the danger of the Republican assisted immigration idea. Their big flop over to the Democratic side will be a protest against the platform and the methods of the Republican party.

No wonder the leaders of the Republicans, who cannot help but see this, are playing their last desperate card and trying to kill judgment, endeavoring to frighten Republicans into refraining from the use of their own judgment.

The circular issued by Moir is a slap in the face of decency and an insult to the most divine and sacred characteristic of man—his judgment!

TERRIFIED

Afraid that some of their employees may learn the truth about things political as they exist in Hawaii, certain of the big business houses of Honolulu have refused to allow **The Democrat** to be distributed on their premises.

That is not at all surprising. It is the truth that hurts those who are trying to resist the truth. They know that the Republican dailies dare not publish the truth and consequently are harmless. But **The Democrat** is engaged in trying to expose the selfishness of the Special Interests that, for their own benefit, want to continue Cupid at Washington and to dominate the conduct of affairs of this Territory.

But the truth will be told, whether Big Business likes it or not. And the people are going to learn the truth, no matter how hard the Special Interests and the Republican press and politicians try to keep them in the dark.



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